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ABSTRACT

This book documents school-based sexual violence in South Africa and the discriminatory impact on girls' education when the government fails to respond effectively. Eleven chapters include: (1) "Preface"; (2) "Summary" (e.g., the effects of sexual violence on education and South Africa's legal obligations); (3) "Recommendations" (to the government of South Africa, the South African Council of Educators and the Teachers' Unions of South Africa, teachers' training colleges, and the international community); (4) "Background" (e.g., school violence in the apartheid era and attitudes toward violence against girls); (5) "Sexual Violence in Schools" (e.g., sexual violence by teachers, school employees, and students); (6) "Consequences of Gender Violence for Girls' Education and Health"; (7) "The School Response" (e.g., barriers to reporting abuse and inappropriate responses); (8) "The Criminal Justice System" (reform efforts and responses to sex violence in schools); (9) "National and Provincial Government Response" (e.g., legal reforms and guidelines on HIV/AIDS); (10) "South Africa's Obligations under International and National Law"; and (11) Conclusion. Four appendices present Human Rights Watch Report Recommendations (1997 and 1995), student essays, the South African Council for Educators Code of Conduct, and the Dakar World Education for All Forum Framework document. (SM)

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